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**Parents In Connection for Kids Inc.**

Donna DeStefano, Founder & CEO

[REDACTED]  
Brick, N.J. 08724

Re: United States v. Robert Farkas  
CR 18-340-LGS

Dear Judge Schofield,

I write in support of Robert Farkas, hereafter referred to as RJ.

For perspective, before retiring, I was the Director of Community Relations for RWJ Barnabas Health, Institute for Prevention. In 2013, I was appointed by Governor Chris Christie and unanimously approved by the N.J. State Senate to serve as a public member of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA). I currently still hold the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Co-Chair. I also founded a not for profit (above) in 2010 where I help families who struggle with substance abuse issues.

I've known RJ since he was 18 months old. He's always been an honest, caring, fun loving kid. He's always been a great role model to his three sisters, Brielle, Kristina & Daisha. RJ is extremely family oriented. I know firsthand that he's always been a source of strength to both his parents, even working for his dad in the family business before moving.

Besides being almost like an aunt to him, RJ has always been a good friend to me. When my mother passed away in 2009, RJ surprised me by coming to my house one day with lunch. He spent hours with me just talking about old times. For a young man to have that kind of compassion and take time out of his day really solidified what I've always known about him. He's an incredible person and indomitable spirit that makes being around him a joy. He's honest, intuitive and smart.

As a kid he played hockey. He met and kept lifelong friendships with his teammates because of his caring nature, integrity and leadership. As an adult, RJ is a responsible young man, a father now.... and in a thriving relationship where he hopes to have the chance to be there to nurture and raise his daughter.

In closing, although I don't minimize the seriousness of these allegations, I honestly believe RJ, if given the chance will be a productive member of society. I have the utmost respect for him. I hope he has the chance to move forward from this episode in his life.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

*Donna DeStefano*  
Donna DeStefano

**Honorable Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Court  
For the Southern District of New York**

United States v. Robert Farkas

Your Honor,

This letter is a letter of character regarding Robert Farkas. My name is Deanna Kroon and I am graduate of West Chester University and a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer currently employed at Dr. Lombardi's Plastic Surgery Center in New Jersey.

Robert's fiancé Donna is my childhood best friend that I've known for almost 20 years now. I have known Robert since he has been a part of Donna's life which is now going on 5 years. Although I have not known Robert for very long, I know how much of a positive impact he has made in Donna's life since they have met. Donna's life has been forever changed for the better since she met Robert and that is something I am thankful for because all I could ever want for my friend is a man that will care for her, support her, and make her happy and I know that is what Robert provides for her.

Throughout the years of getting to know Robert, first as Donna's boyfriend to now fiancé, I have learned about the person he is and the great qualities he possesses. Robert is a generous, selfless, and kindhearted man who has proven above and beyond that he would be there and do anything for the people he cares about. Robert is a giver, he is selfless, and he's the don't think just do for others to make people happy. Robert would never intentionally try to hurt others. His intentions are never bad, and I know this for a fact because I have witnessed his genuine, selfless, and giving character for myself. I have seen him show these qualities for people he doesn't know, people who have nothing for themselves, his family, his fiancé, his future in laws, his friends, and most importantly his daughter. I know the love Robert has for my best friend Donna and how much he not only cares for her well-being, but also the people who are important to Donna. He comes from an amazing family and always wants the best for the people he cares about. Robert has been so kind to me and genuinely cares about the good and bad in my life. When I'm upset with something, he always has doors wide open if I need to get away and visit my best friend since we are many states apart. It's truly amazing to know my best friend is with someone like Robert who has to much love to give to the people he cares about and extends it even further to the people his fiancé truly cares about. He is always there with Donna when I need someone to talk to, vent to, or get advice from. He is always so levelheaded, plays devil's advocate, and really gives me rational advice. He is always so welcoming for me to visit and I know I always have a safe place to go when I'm upset and need to see my best friend.

I am aware of the events regarding Robert's guilty plea and the actions that lead to his sentencing. I truly do believe this past year waiting up to his court date Robert has already suffered a lot from his actions. He has proved to become an even better version of himself. Even in a situation like this he has been so strong for his family and has been the backbone for them considering everything they have been through in the past couple of months. He never wanted to stress anyone out with what was going on and always brings a positive energy in any bad

situation. I can tell Robert is remorseful for his actions and has learned from his mistakes. I do not want to see my best friend have to struggle on her own out in Florida with her almost 1-year old daughter without her fiancé at her side. Both of their families live in New Jersey and it would break my heart if she had to do this alone. Robert will be missing precious time with his loved ones and milestones with his baby girl if he is sent away. Not only will this effect Robert's life, this will also tremendously affect his family, his fiancé, and his daughter. I am asking for empathy during these difficult times for my best friend and her fiancé. Thank you, your honor, for taking the time to read my letter it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Deanna Kroon

To: Honorable Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Court for the  
Southern District of New York

8 Sep 2020

From: Andrew Nowicki

Memorandum re: United States v. Robert Farkas  
CR 18-340-LGS

Dear Judge Schofield,

I hope this note finds you well during these very uncertain times. My intent on writing you this letter today is to provide you some additional background and context regarding the character of Mr. Robert Farkas from someone who has known him and his family for over 25 years.

Prior to joining our Armed Forces many decades ago, I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Robert Farkas and his family as one of his uncles married my older sister. Due to this family connection, I had the direct experience to observe and can attest to the strong family values, hard work ethic and generosity promoted within Robert Farkas's immediate family household. On several occasions as a young adult, I also had the opportunity to work at various construction sites with Robert Farkas in which he routinely demonstrated all the aforementioned values without question. Although our career paths diverged between public service and the private sector, I still had many occasions to catch up with Robert over holiday family gatherings and witness no significant changes to his demeanor, behavior or judgment. Throughout the years, he continued to display positive growth and the ability to make his family proud of each accomplishment with his endeavors.

Without knowing all the legal and financial intricacies pertaining to the charges against Robert, it was to be expected that Robert would take full responsibility for his witting activities and therefore plead guilty to those charges. Robert is deeply regretful for these actions and I humbly request your consideration imposing the most lenient sentence the Court determines appropriate.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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September 30, 2020  
United States District Court Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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New York, NY 10007

Re: Robert Farkas

Your Honor,

This is a letter of character regarding Robert Farkas. My name is Nicole Perricho, BSN RN, an aesthetic nurse injector working with The Lombardi Plastic Surgery Center located in Eatontown NJ.

I have known Robert for approximately three years now. He came into my life through a childhood friend, Donna Velez, who is now the fiancé to, and mother of their now daughter [REDACTED] F[REDACTED]. My relationship with Robert is with an extension to Donna. I know him and his family very well as we have had several outings together. I can honestly say Robert comes from one of the most humble, caring, and loving families I have ever come to know.

When Robert first came into Donna's life years ago, it was during a time of darkness in her life. He impacted her life tremendously for the better. If it wasn't for Robert, I don't know that Donna would be who she is today. Because of Robert we have the best version of Donna today, you can tell she is loved for, cared for, and treated with undoubted respect. Being in the presence of the two of them is nothing shy of magic. What the two of them share together is unlike any other bond I've seen in our generation. They bring out the absolute best in each other and together they are wonderful parents to their beautiful daughter [REDACTED].

When [REDACTED] was born back in December of 2019, her arrival was ambivalent. I had just spoken to Robert and Donna moments before she was taken into the OR, [REDACTED]. Being a labor and delivery nurse in my past, I expected to hear back from them with heartwarming pictures within a few hours. Time had gone by, eventually nighttime was upon us and I knew something was wrong. That night Robert had to balance the joy of their beautiful baby girl coming into the world and the possibility of losing the love of his life. After [REDACTED] was delivered [REDACTED] struck in Donnas [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Robert never left her side. I truly believe the love and prayers she felt from him alone saved her life, again. Her recovery was intensive, what she couldn't do for herself, Robert stepped up, he was always there. There were nights Donna would be up crying, he was always there to wipe away her tears and reassure her that god has a plan for them.

Only a month went by after welcoming [REDACTED] home before they ended up back in the hospital again. This time around it was for [REDACTED] Donna, a new and now frantic mother, was heartbroken. But, like always, Robert was there to be her person, to lean on and cry to, and take charge when she couldn't bare to watch. With god's grace [REDACTED] made a complete turn around and was released from the hospital weeks later. Because Donna and Robert were attentive to their baby, they were able to catch it early on, and [REDACTED] was able to make a full recovery.

I am aware of the events regarding Robert's guilty plea and the actions that transpired leading to his sentencing. It is inarguable that he has suffered for his actions over this past year. Even when he kept getting his rounds of bad luck thrown at him, he rolled with the punches and made an undeniable effort to become a better father, fiancé, and son each and every day. Robert is a selfless man, god worshiping, the kind of person that would give his shirt off his back for a complete stranger. He is pure hearted and always intending the best for the people around him. Robert would never go out of his way to deceive anyone. He has shown this very trait before my eyes time and time again. I know for a fact Robert is remorseful for his actions and the stress this has brought on his loved ones surrounding him. I do not want to see such a genuine person end up behind bars. He has been the backbone to Donnas life since he entered it. I do not believe an innocent baby girl deserves to be without her father during these precious years of her life, bench marks would pass without him there to witness her growth. It would shatter my heart to see Donna and [REDACTED] have to adjust to a life without Robert. I am asking for mercy on Robert during this treacherous time. Thank you, your honor, for allowing me to vouch for Roberts character and taking the time to read this letter, your time is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nicole Perricho', written in black ink.

Nicole Perricho

October 1, 2020

United States District Court Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Robert Farkas III

Dear Judge Schofield:

My name is Marina Quagliato, an Account Executive managing the advertising assets for the blue-chip company, Proctor & Gamble's, Oral-B account in New York City. I've graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University, where I first met Robert Farkas through his sister, Brielle Farkas. It is with great honor that I have the opportunity to vouch for what a positive attribute Robert has been to not only my life, but to everyone else's that he comes into contact with.

I have known Robert since 2013, as noted previously, through his sister Brielle Farkas who is one of my very close friends. I consider the Farkas family as an extension of my own, with Robert as an older brother to me. He always came to visit Brielle at school, given his family is very important to him, and throughout that time we've all spent together I've grown to consider Robert as family. I've always known Robert to be a hardworking, passionate, and loving human being. He is the type of person who you can rely on for anything, especially when it comes to his closest friends and family, who I know mean the world and more to him.

For a moment in time Robert resided in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida with his now fiancé and mother to his daughter, Donna Velez. During this time, Robert's eldest sister, Daisha Farkas Lee, needed a place to live for a fresh start in her life; with open arms and without any hesitation, he opened his home to Daisha for as long as she needed, no questions asked. During this time while Daisha lived with Robert and Donna, he helped encourage his sister to regain living a healthy lifestyle again and motivated her to reach her goals, as he always sees the positive outcomes that others have the ability to accomplish and helps push them to be their very best. This is just one of many examples of Robert effortlessly being selfless and caring for others over himself.

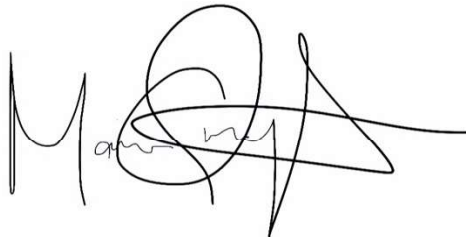
Becoming a father to his daughter, [REDACTED] is an even greater example of Robert's passionate, loving, and selfless characteristics. In December of 2019, Robert and Donna gave birth to a beautiful baby girl; however, like many unfortunate obstacles Robert has had to face and overcome throughout his life, [REDACTED] I remember like it was yesterday when Brielle had called me on the phone explaining one of the scariest, heart-wrenching moments in our lives. [REDACTED] was born; however, the love of his life Donna was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Robert didn't think once to leave her side; that was not an option for him. It was crucial and mandatory for him to ensure he did not leave Donna's side until he knew she was going to make it out alive. I truly believe, through the grace of God, that

Robert's presence, love, and continuous prayers saved her life. During and after Donna's slow recovery, Robert with no hesitation ensured that he had taken care of everything that Donna would've had to and provided his fiancé with love, support, honesty, and comfort each and every night. Unfortunately, after just a month of this chaotic time, [REDACTED] Heartbroken, Robert and Donna had yet faced another obstacle in their lives. Robert's compassion, love, and comfort had helped not only Donna but his whole family during this worrisome time. He is the rock in which not only Donna leans on, but his whole family, and now his baby daughter too. Due to Robert and Donna's prodigious attentiveness as parents to their baby daughter, they were able to take the right precautions early on and they are the reason why [REDACTED] is still able to be the light of their life to this day.

I am in full understanding that Robert has pleaded guilty to the actions that occurred leading to his sentencing, and I can confidently say that this does not diminish the respect I have for him. Undoubtedly, I know that Robert, and his whole family for that matter, has faced unfortunate sufferings and consequences for his actions throughout these past couple years. As each day has gone by, it is undeniable that Robert has made and is continuing to make the strongest efforts to become a better fiancé, father, son, brother, and person. He has a heart of gold, and that's a true quality of Robert's that has never gone unnoticed. In all my life that I've known Robert, he has never intentionally gone out of his way to deceive anyone in any particular matter. It is inarguable that Robert has the sincerest remorse for his actions and for the strain it has put on all his loved ones. It would be absolutely heartbreaking for someone who I know is truly built with good intentions to result with an unjust sentencing. With that said, and with the most respect, I know I'm not alone when I say that nothing more would be greatly appreciated than to see Robert face the most lenient sentence the Court considers to be appropriate.

Thank you, your Honor, for taking the time to read this letter and for allowing me to speak on behalf of Robert's few, although there are several more, positive attributes as a human being. I appreciate your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marina Quagliato', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Marina Quagliato